IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 10, line 31 through page 11, line 7, and in its place insert the following replacement paragraph:

In box 213, the current node or element from the prototype transform 123 is interpreted using the interpretive transform 126. Specifically, the template that contains the interpretive instructions relative to the current node or element from the prototype transform 123, is implemented by the transformation processor 119 to generate an appropriate portion of the output document 133 therefrom. Specifically, with regard to the exemplary source and output documents 129 and 133, the interpretive transform 126 123 provides functionality dedicated to the process of extracting lines and processing them to create the output file 133.

Please delete the paragraph at page 11, lines 8-21, and in its place insert the following replacement paragraph:

In this regard, there may be a number of different types of interpretive tasks that are performed in interpreting nodes or elements from the prototype transform 123 in box 213. For example, a direct transformation may occur in which an element is taken directly from the prototype transform 123 that may or may not be altered and then written directly to the output document 133. In another example, attributes that are indicated in a respective template in the interpretive instructions 159 150 may be written to the output document 133 relative to the current node of the prototype transform 123. Also, the interpretive instructions 159 may include instructions that locate one or more lines or ranges of lines in the source document 129 as well as instructions for processing the text of lines and ranges of lines to create the output document 133. Thus, the actual elements in the output document 133 may be created from the literal instructions in the interpretive interpreted prototype transform 126 with textual content from the source document 129.

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Please delete the paragraph at page 12, lines 17-29, and in its place insert the following replacement paragraph:

Alternatively, in box 203 a merger function may be performed where the prototype ~~interpretive~~ transform 123 and the interpretive ~~prototype~~ transform 126 are employed to perform a merge function in which the output document 133 is generated from two or more source documents 129. In such case, an association is drawn between at least one prototype transform 123, an interpretive transform 126, and two or more source documents 129 that are applied to the transformation processor 119 to generate a corresponding output document 133. Such a prototype transform 123 would include interpreted instructions 156 dedicated to comparing and merging elements and/or attributes from the source documents 129 into the output document 133. In this context, the prototype transform 123 would include transformation specific instructions relating to the merger to be performed and the interpretive transform 126 would include corresponding transformation generic instructions.

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